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Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedure (DP/1/Rev.4), the Governing Council will elect a Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. Pursuant to footnote 2 of the same rule, "In electing the Bureau, due account should be taken of the need to ensure equitable geographical representation. In the election of the President, due regard shall be given to the geographical rotation of this office among the different regional groups."

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According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Council for 1991 should be elected from among the Council members of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Council may wish to take into account that the President will be required to designate presiding officers for the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. The Council may also wish to take a decision as to the presiding officer for the newly created Standing Committee for Programme Matters (decision 90/23 of 23 June 1990).

3. Adoption of the agenda

The present provisional agenda and the annotations thereto have been prepared in light of past practice, and reflect items which need to be considered pursuant to decisions emanating from previous sessions of the Governing Council.

4. Rationalization of the work of the Governing Council

The Governing Council will have before it a report containing the proposals of the Administrator in response to paragraph 6 of decision 90/23 of 23 June 1990 concerning the possibilities for reduction of documentation and biennialization or even triennialization of specific items and the high-level debate of the Council (DP/1991/3). The proposals were finalized after being discussed during informal consultations with the members of the Council in New York on 2 November 1990.

The report and the proposals contained therein should be studied together with the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Council and the organization of work contained in a note by the secretariat (DP/1991/L.3) relating to item 6.

5. Standing Committee for Programme Matters

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator concerning the implementation of paragraphs 1-5 of decision 90/23 of 23 June 1990, whereby the Council established its Standing Committee for Programme Matters (DP/1991/4). The report will contain proposals concerning membership, mandate, agenda, bureau, rules of procedure, reporting, decisions, records and timing of the Standing Committee's meetings, as well as the question of field visits.

6. Matters relating to the work of the Governing Council in 1991

The Governing Council will have before it for consideration and approval a note by the secretariat (DP/1991/L.2) containing the draft provisional agenda, annotations, organization of work and list of documents for the special session, which is scheduled to begin immediately following the organizational meeting and to conclude on 22 February 1991. The report on the status of documents for the organizational meeting as well as for the special session is contained in document DP/1991/1.

The Council will also have before it for consideration and approval a note by the secretariat (DP/1991/L.3) containing the draft provisional agenda and a

tentative schedule of work for its thirty-eighth session, scheduled to take place in New York from 3 to 21 June 1991. As mentioned above under 4, the suggestions made in the note by the secretariat have taken into account the proposals made under item 4 concerning the rationalization of the work of the Council.

The Council may wish to consider which items of the provisional agenda will be allocated to the Standing Committee for Programme Matters and to the Budgetary and Finance Committee for their consideration. It might be recalled, that in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Budgetary and Finance Committee will have its own agenda and organization of work, to be issued in a separate document.

The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat containing requests for a waiver to the 10-week deadline for certain documents (DP/1991/2).

7. Other matters

List of documents

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